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Snow

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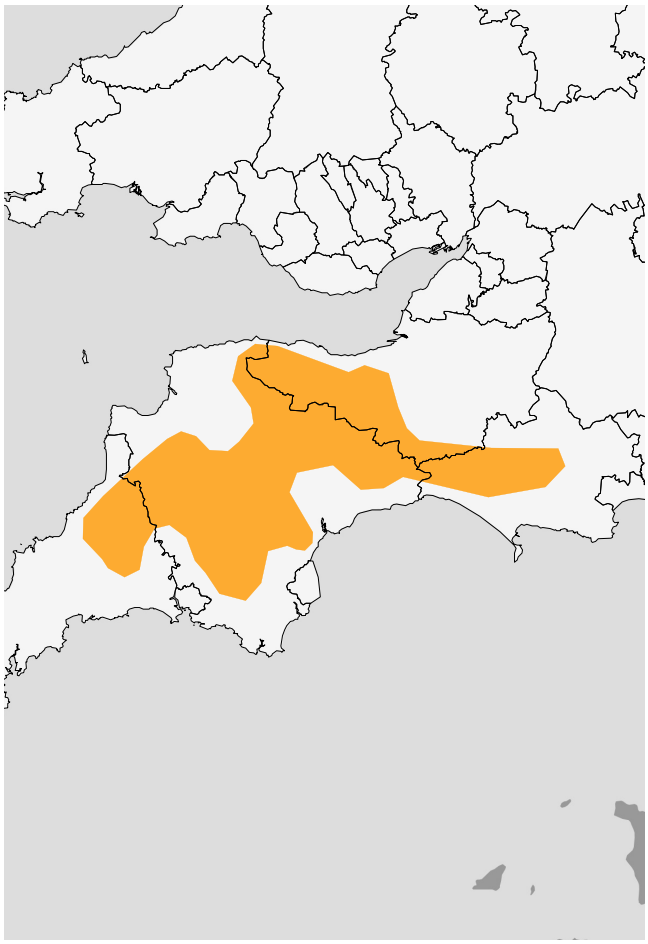


A spell of snow will result in travel disruption on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

What to expect

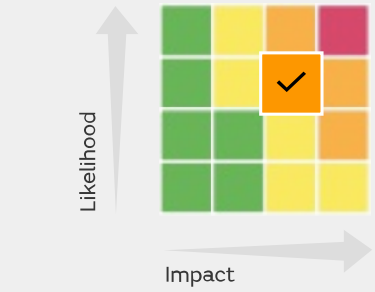
- Travel delays on roads are likely, stranding some vehicles and passengers
- Some delays and cancellations to rail and air travel are likely
- Power cuts are likely and other services, such as mobile phone coverage, may be affected
- There is a chance that some rural communities could become cut off

Further details

Sleet and snow is expected to continue this afternoon and evening with accumulations of 2-5 cm on high ground above 150 m, and up to 10 cm above about 250 m, leading to some travel disruption. The sleet and snow will ease from the west during the first part of Wednesday night.

What should I do?

It is safer not to drive in these conditions, but if you need to make an essential journey, consider alternative forms of transport, to keep you and others safe.



Medium likelihood of medium impacts

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Further Details (continued)

If you must drive, do this more safely by: using dipped headlights; accelerating gently, using low revs and changing to higher gears as quickly as possible; starting in second gear to help with wheel slip; maintaining a safe and steady speed, keeping distance from other vehicles; using a low gear to go downhill, avoiding braking unless necessary; steering into skids, not taking your hands of the wheel, and avoiding slamming on brakes.

People cope better with power cuts when they have prepared for them in advance. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items.

If isolated due to snow, follow these simple steps to keep safe and well: keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night; turn off electrical heaters and put out your fire before going to bed; ensure pets are safe by keeping them warm and comfortable; prevent frozen pipes by opening kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing; stay indoors, wrap up warm and close internal doors to keep the heat in; and, if you need support call the British Red Cross Support Line on 0808 196 3651.

Help to protect vulnerable people that you know including older people, those with underlying conditions and those who live alone; they may need support with food and medical supplies. If you are worried about your health or that of somebody you know, ring NHS 111.

Stay up to date with the weather forecast for your area and follow advice from emergency services and local authorities.

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